



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women 2014 Year of the Girl in Hawai'i

WHEREAS, the Women's Legislative Caucus reminds us that the year 2014 is the 50th anniversary of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women, and asks us to reflect on all of the girls and young women who resiliently fought for gender equity for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Legislative Caucus recognizes the history of struggles and sacrifices made on behalf of girls and young women to allow them to realize their aspirations and fulfill their potential in school, in the workplace and our community; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Legislative Caucus celebrates the women who fought for universal suffrage and the right to vote in 1919, as well as the 1972 passage of Title IX that mandates gender equality in every educational program that receives federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Legislative Caucus acknowledges that despite political progress, women still make up only 20% of U.S. Senate seats, 17% of U.S. House seats and a fraction (22) of CEOs running Fortune 500 companies; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Legislative Caucus recognizes organizations that encourage girls and young women to take on leadership roles in their school and community because leadership like any skill needs practice and confidence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim 2014 as

"YEAR OF THE GIRL"

in Hawai'i and ask all citizens of this Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of encouraging and supporting girls and young women in education, in the workplace and our community, and to continue to help them grow into leadership roles and build resiliency.

DONE, at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of January 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i